

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Applicant:**

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**For: CARBOXYLIC CATIONITES AND METHODS OF MANUFACTURE**

Examiner: TATYANA ZALUKAEVA

Group Art Unit: 1713

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Docket: 1659/3

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Arlington VA

## RESPONSE

Sir.

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed July 27, 2004, which response is being made on or before August 27, 2004 and for which no extension fees are due. The Office Action includes a request for election or restriction. No amendments in the specification or claims are requested.

**REMARKS**

**Election/Restriction**

Claims 1-9, 11, 13-15, 16-31, 33-40, 43 and 44 are pending in this case. The examiner requires restriction under 35 USC 121 and 372. The examiner has divided the claims 6 into Two (II) Groups and has requested election according to 37 CFR 1.499.

In accordance with the examiner's request, the applicant elects Group Two (II; claims 16-31, 33-40, 43 and 44 [method to produce particulate matter of carboxyl catonite]) for examination at this time.

Election is made with traverse. The Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 14 and 15 properly belong to group II because they are directed towards production of particulate matter of carboxyl catonite.

The Examiner has further divided the claims into three species; solvent, monovinyl monomer and crosslinking agent.

The Applicant further designates the species "solvent".

Careful reading of the claims has revealed that the correct division of claims among species is as follows:

**Solvent** (claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 36, 37 and 38);

**Monovinyl monomer** (claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 16, 17, 29, 30, 39 and 40)

**Crosslinking agent** (claims 8, 9, 11, 13, 17 31, 33, 39 and 40); and not as originally suggested by the Examiner.

The Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1, 2, 14, 15, 16, 35 43 and 44 are generic.

Claims 14, 15, 43 and 44 depend from claims not in Group II. The applicant will undertake to rewrite the claims in independent language after they are found in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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